

DOCTOR WHO

# REIGN OF THE STONE MONKEY

PART ONE

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Ancient China.

It is late,  
children. Time  
for your bed.



It started when young Li bumped into the TARDIS...

Hello there! Tang dynasty, yes? **Perfect**. I don't suppose you know a Chan Chiu, do you? Lives near here. The old girl got the coordinates a little *muddled*...

But... Chan Chiu... He is my uncle, sir.

Really? **Brilliant!** You couldn't point me in the right direction, could you?

Li! Go and help your mother prepare our evening meal. The Doctor and I have important matters to discuss.

Some of us resisted. Myself. The boy's father... But then people started *disappearing*. When the curfew began I... lost the will to fight.

Well it's a good job I popped by. Where can I find these 'demons'?

"I led this strange visitor to my uncle's house, and my uncle was very pleased to see him."

Doctor! Old friend! It is so good to see you. You haven't aged a day in all these years. But quickly, come inside. It is getting dark and the curfew begins soon.

Curfew? This was a happy, safe place last time I was here.

That was before they came.

Who?

Demons!

Ohhh!

So. These demons...?

They claim to be *immortal spirits*. When they first arrived, *all* they asked for was somewhere to rest their heads and a square meal.

That was a year ago.

Their heads must *really* have needed the rest. Go on.

Before we knew what had happened they *controlled* us all. They raised taxes and stole crops.

The Temple in Qingyang. I can show you the way.

No, Li, it is too dangerous.

Besides, I'll be safe with the Doctor, and who would suspect a boy travelling with his *elderly* grandfather?

I owe it to my father to rid Gansu province of these beasts.

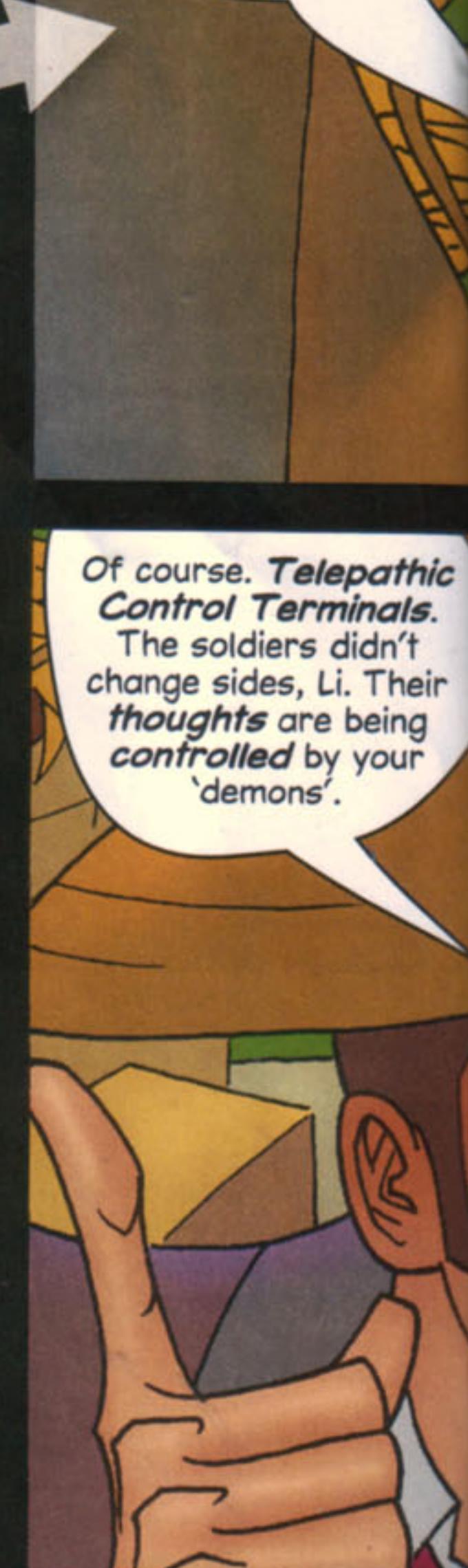
"We made our plans, and the next morning we set out for the city."

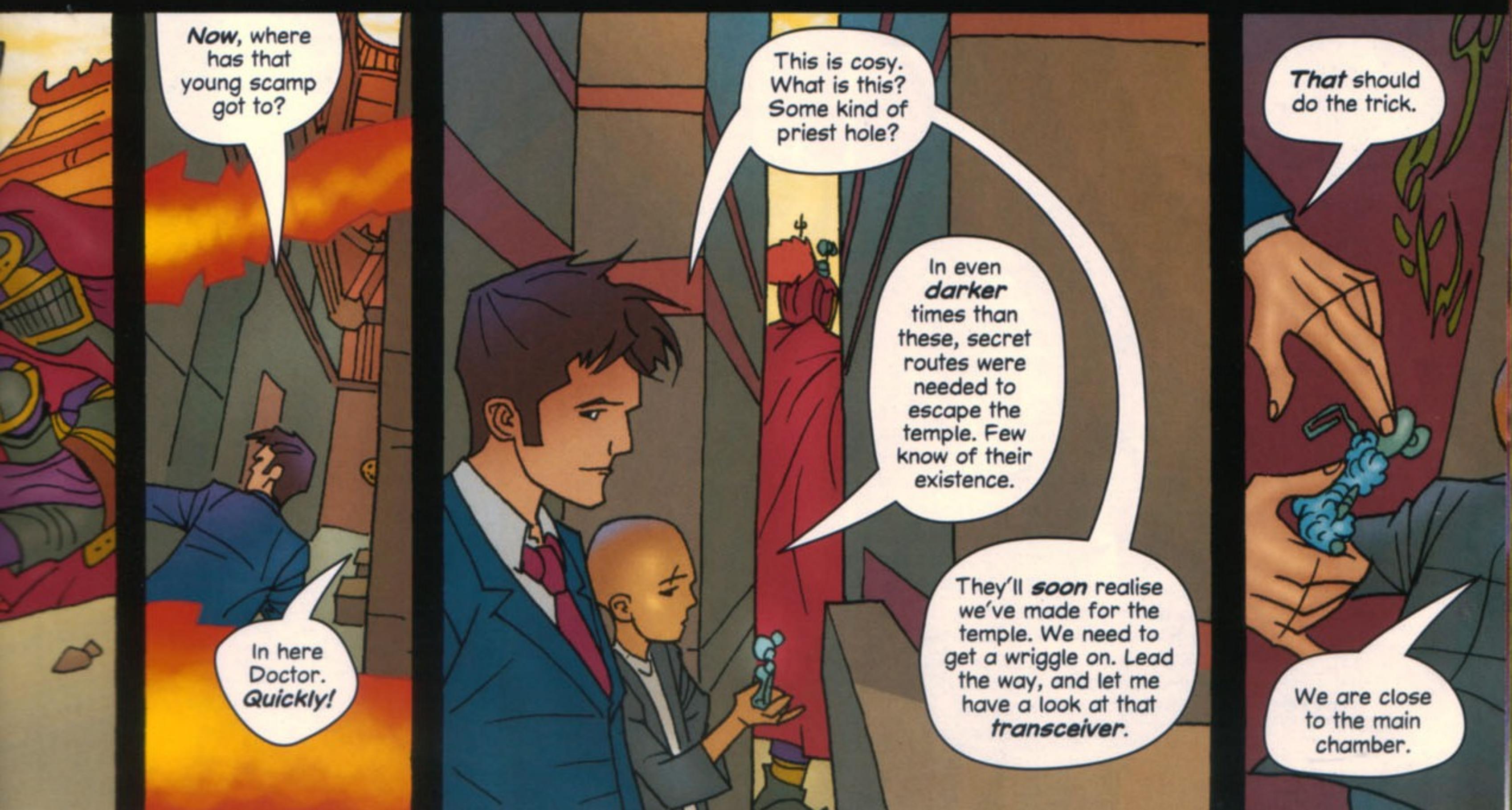
This place has *certainly* seen better times.

I used to *admire* the soldiers. I dreamt of joining their ranks when I grew up. But when the demons came, they *changed*.

Watch out. *Soldiers!*

Of course. *Telepathic Control Terminals*. The soldiers didn't change sides, Li. Their *thoughts* are being controlled by your 'demons'.





Soon the Doctor and Li arrive outside the chamber...

The Chamber  
of Prayer. But  
the door is  
*locked* from  
the inside.

Not a problem.  
We'll have this  
open in a jiffy or  
two. Or three.

Doctor. Are...  
are you a  
demon?

No such thing as demons, Li.  
*Technically* speaking. Though  
there are those wingy-faced  
towel things on Prkarrious IX...

I've heard of  
stuffing your  
savings under  
your mattress, but  
this is ridiculous!

So much gold.  
But the people  
**starve**. This is not  
right. How could  
the Governor **allow**  
this to happen?

They gave  
me no  
choice.

Raise your hands  
where I can see  
them. What are you  
doing here?  
Who are y...

WHO DARES TO  
DESECRATE THE  
TEMPLE OF THE  
MONKEY KING?

A group of characters in a room. In the foreground, a character with a shaved head and a blue and grey patterned robe is looking up at the others. Behind them, a man in a purple robe with a yellow belt and a large yellow necklace stands prominently. Behind him are four characters in red and yellow armor with red plumes. The background is a purple wall with a window.

A comic book panel depicting a dramatic confrontation. On the left, a man with a tattooed arm and a shocked expression looks up at a massive, green-skinned, monkey-like creature. The creature has a textured, scaly appearance, red glowing eyes, and a wide, toothy grin showing yellow fangs. It wears a blue cloth around its waist. A speech bubble originates from the creature, containing the text: "WHO DARES TO DESECRATE THE TEMPLE OF THE MONKEY KING?". In the background, another smaller, brown-skinned figure with a similar face and a blue cloth is visible, looking on. The setting appears to be a traditional East Asian architectural style with red and brown tones.

## CRUSH THE INTRUDERS!

# EEEEEEOOOOOOOWWWWW!